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SUBJ: CU/ARTS: 1976 BERGEN FESTIVAL

1. BERGEN FESTIVAL NEXT YEAR PLANS TO HAVE HEAVY AMERICAN EMPHASIS IN HONOR OF US BICENTENNIAL. THE THEME OF THE NONMUSICAL PART OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE "THEATER WITHOUT WORDS", AND IN THIS CONNECTION THE NATIONAL THEATER OF THE DEAF HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST AND WILL PROBABLY BE INVITED. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE ONE OR TWO PROMINENT AMERICAN MUSICIANS, INCLUDING MURRY PERAHIA, POSSIBLY AND AMERICAN MIME, AND LIKELY AN EXHIBITION OF THE SOUND SCULPTURES OF HARRY BERTOIA, WITH PERHAPS A VISIT BY BERTOIA.

2. ONE OF THE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS FOR THE ENTIRE FESTIVAL WAS TO BE THE ALWIN NIKOLAIS DANCE COMPANY, AGAIN PART OF THE THEATER WITHOUT WORDS CONCEPT. THEY HAD AGREED TO COME AS PART OF AN EUROPEAN TOUR AND HAD FIXED A PRICE AND SET THE DATES, ALTHOUGH A CONTRACT HAD NOT YET BEEN SIGNED. UNFORTUNATELY, THE FESTIVAL HAS JUST HEARD FROM THE COMPANY THAT IT HAS A CHANCE TO GO ON AN EIGHT WEEK TOUR OF ASIA IN SPRING 1976 AND SO IS CANCELLING ITS EUROPEAN PLANS INCLUDING ITS BERGEN ENGAGEMENT. THIS IS A STUNNING BLOW TO THE FESTIVAL AND VERY DISTRESSING TO US SINCE WE HAD HOPED FOR EXCELLENT US PARTICIPATION IN THIS OF ALL YEARS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: COULD THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT THE NEW YORK MANAGER OF THE NIKOLAIS COMPANY, MR. PETER OBLETZ, PHONE 77-1122, AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE COMPANY TO INCLUDE BERGEN ON THE WAY TO OR FROM ITS PROGRAM IN ASIA? ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINAL PERFORMANCE DATES WERE MAY 25, 26 AND 27, ANY DATES BETWEEN MAY 21 AND JUNE 4 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

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IF THE NIKOLAIS COMPANY CANNOT COME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR

ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR ANOTHER TROUPE WHICH MIGHT BE AVAIL-
ABLE AND COST ROUGHLY THE SAME AMOUNT , I.E. \$15,000.00 FOR THREE
PERFORMANCES. THE FESTIVAL'S PREFERENCE, AND WE CONCUR, WOULD BE
ALVIN AILEY, BUT WE BELIEVE THE PRICE MAY BE HIGHER. COULD YOU
INVESTIGATE AILEY'S FEES AND AVAILABILITY.

FYI -FESTIVAL DIRECTOR SVEN HENNING TALKED TO THE AILEY COMPANY
WHEN HE WAS IN THE US 1974 AS AN IVP GRANTEE AND AT THE TIME THE
COMPANY WAS INTERESTED IN THE BERGEN PROSPECT.
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